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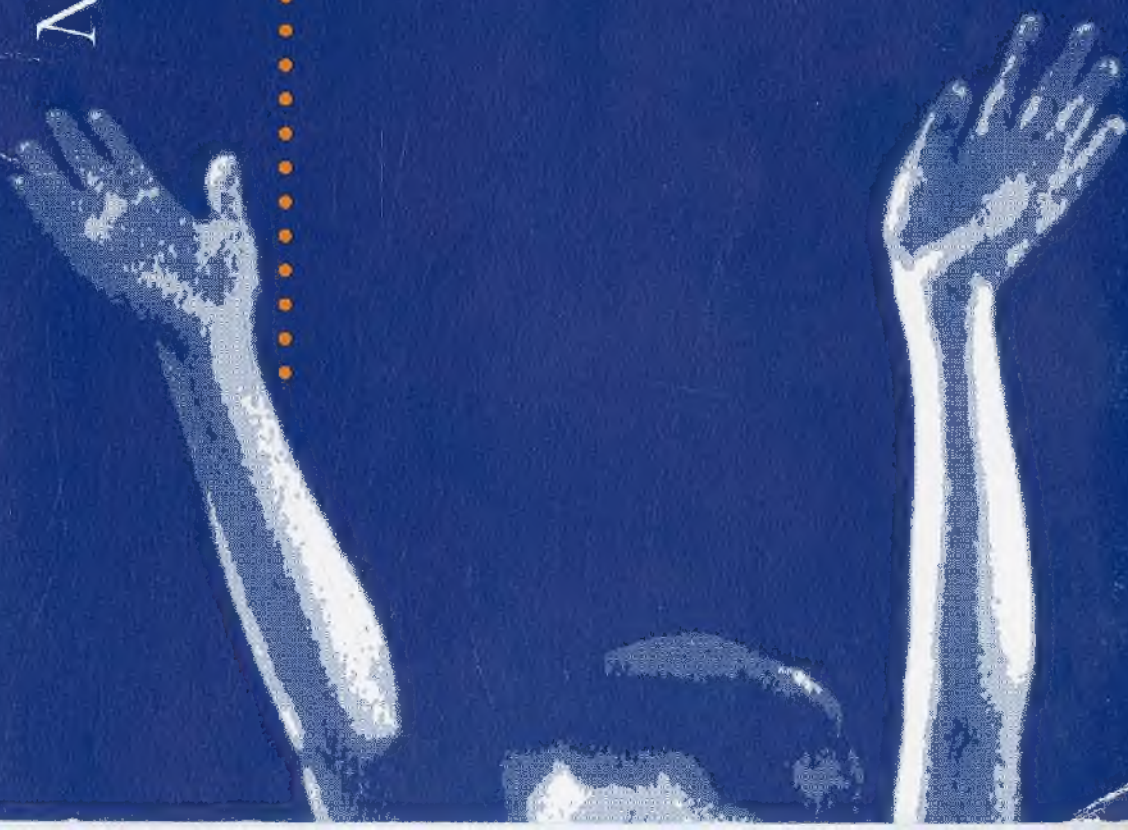
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NJPAC and the Arts Education Department

History is unfolding as the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) prepares to open in the Fall of 1997. The Center, located on a 12-acre site in the heart of downtown Newark, includes Prudential Hall, a 2,750-seat theater; Victoria Theater, a 500-seat playhouse; two restaurants; banquet facilities; a gift shop; parking facilities, and Theater Square (an outdoor performance plaza). International, national and New Jersey's best performers will grace the stages.

Since 1994, the NJPAC Arts Education Department has provided more than 13,000 children, families and educators throughout New Jersey with creative programs that nurture exploration and discovery in the production and performance of the arts. Designed to stimulate creative expression, NJPAC programs celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the arts, excite the imagination and enhance the joy of learning for all.



The Need for Dance & Theater

NJPAC identified a critical imbalance in the landscape of performing arts programs for school-aged youth. Visual art and music are traditional, often mandated, subject areas in most elementary schools. Dance and theater are rarely available; however, recently the NJ State Department of Education has included dance and theater as part of the Core Curriculum Content Standard.

What is the Arts Academy?

The Arts Academy is a unique ten-week artist-in-residence program with a focus on dance or theater education which gives students a chance to explore introductory fundamentals in these artistic disciplines for 2 one-hour sessions per week. All of the classes are in your school, led by professional artists.

Focus on Dance

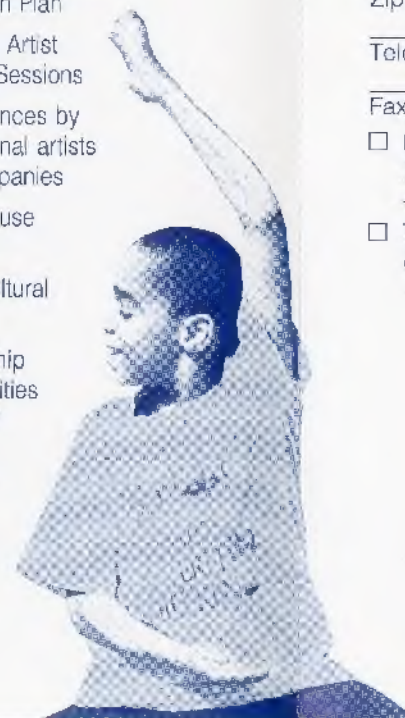
The dance component, scheduled from February to May, is targeted for third or fourth grade students and is now in its third successful year. Schools may choose between introduction to dance (which combines ballet and modern techniques), tap or Afro-Caribbean.

What is included in the Arts Academy?

Focus on Theater

The theater component, scheduled from October to December, is targeted for middle and high-school students. Schools may choose from among playwriting, musical theater, classical theater, theater for the deaf, or improvisation through storytelling.

- Professional development workshops for teachers
- Comprehensive Curriculum materials
- Parent/Teacher/Child movement and theater sessions
- Student Assessment & Evaluation Plan
- Teaching Artist Training Sessions
- Performances by professional artists and companies
- Open House Classes
- Cross Cultural Links
- Scholarship opportunities to attend NJPAC Summer Arts Camp



Yes.

I am interested in receiving more information on how we can bring NJPAC's Arts Academy to our school.

Name _____

Title _____

School/District _____

Principal _____

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☐ Dance Focus
(3rd or 4th grade students)
_____ Number of Students

☐ Theater Focus
(middle or high-school students)
_____ Number of Students

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Participating Dance & Theater Professionals

Arts Academy classes have been led by teaching artists from the following New Jersey dance and theater companies:

dance companies:

- Alvin Ailey American Dance Center
- Gallman's Dance Theatre
- Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company
- New Jersey Ballet
- New Jersey Tap Ensemble
- Premiere Dance Theatre
- Pyramyd Dance Company
- Umoja Dance Company

theater companies:

- Broadway Bound
- Children's Theater Workshop
- New Dance Group Arts Center
- New Jersey Shakespeare Festival
- New York Deaf Theatre, Ltd.
- Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey
- Pregones
- Shoestring Players

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